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MEMORANDUM

To: DHS Licensed Child Care Agency

From: Commissioner Virginia T. Lodge

Date: October 1, 2007

Subject: Books from Birth Imagination Library for your agency

CC: Glenda Shearon, Lois Barrett-Luke, Deborah Neill, Judy Smith, Linda Roach, Sarah Hogan, Janice Wilson, Sandy Troope

DHS has partnered with the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation® to purchase a full set of Imagination Library books for each DHS-licensed child care agency serving children in the certificate program. Enclosed are 50 hardback books – age-appropriate for children **from birth to five years** – that comprise your new Imagination Library. These books are a gift to your agency from DHS—you will not be charged for these books. We hope this will be a welcome addition to your agency.

We are also enclosing a list of contacts organized by county so that you may personally reach out to your local Imagination Library program. Please contact your county's Imagination Library administrator and request a supply of registration brochures. Parents should be encouraged to take an Imagination Library registration brochure and register their child to receive a hardback book, mailed to the child at home on a monthly basis, from birth until his fifth birthday. The Imagination Library is a free gift to all Tennessee children under the age of five.

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